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Blackford Bulletin

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

January

- 27 Cornerstone Parent Class- Asset Building
- 27 Partners in Print, Kindergarten-Cancelled
- 28 Blackford Open Enrollment Tour for 2010-2011, 8:30-10:00, staff room
- 28 GATE testing, 2nd graders
- 28 Open Enrollment Tour at Monroe for 4th and 5th graders for next year. 9:30 am

February

- 1 Jump for Heart Down Under-Guinness Book of World Records Attempt 9:00
- 3 Open Enrollment Tour, staff room
- 4 **Parent Meeting/DELAC with the Superintendent about new Blackford construction and a bond-everyone welcome! 8:30-10:00, Community Room**
- 5 Student of the Month Assemblies 1:30-2:30
- 9 Cornerstone Kid Training, second group of students
- 11 Open Enrollment Tour for Kinders
- 12 PTA meeting- **New Time/Day- 8:30 am- right when you drop off your child!**

Remember these dates!

Winter Conferences Feb. 8-12th
No School Feb 15-19th

Achieving Superintendent, Drl. Johanna Vandermolten will visit Blackford Elementary School the morning of February 4th, at 8:30 to share information about a bond measure that promises to improve the Blackford campus in many ways! Please join us in the Community Room to hear information about how you can support our school and district in this exciting venture!

Responsible Parents call the school office when their child will be missing school due to illness. Please call 341-7106 to inform us of an absence.

RESPONSIBLE Blackford Bobcat Students remember that toys, gum and other objects from home need to stay at home. Items brought to school will be confiscated until June. Please check your child's backpack in the morning to be sure nothing leaves home! Thank you.

Achieving Bobcat Students will benefit from grant income! I am pleased to let you all know that Blackford Elementary School is the recipient of a \$1000 grant from the Going Green Program in the City of San Jose! The money will be used for field trips and plants for our science program here at school.

Blackford Students will also benefit from funds received through the Federal Stimulus monies. Our teachers will be able to participate in professional development opportunities to improve their practice in Language Arts and the other content areas of science and social science by attending GLAD workshops and Systematic English Language Development (grammar instruction) courses. Funds in the Stimulus Package must have long term effects, and cannot be spent on teacher salaries. We are fortunate to receive these funds, and will put them to use right away, so that our Achievement scores can continue to improve.

ELAC/DELAC?- huh?

At the beginning of February, we are fortunate to be hosting two separate meetings for parents of English Language Learners! The first one, on Feb. 4th is a DELAC meeting. This is a district level meeting being held with representatives from all over our school district. The second meeting is our regular school ELAC meeting. There will be translation available at both meetings (Spanish and English)

PTA fundraising events: Our kick off for the next round of **BoxTops** has begun! Please send in boxtops through February 12th.

See's Candy Fundraiser coming January 19-29th. Watch your Monday envelope for information regarding Valentine's Day candy sales! Delivery will be on Feb. 11th and 12th.

Guinness Book of World Records, Here we Come! Please join Blackford students on Monday, Feb. 1st at 9:00 for our attempt to join others in California as we jump rope in unison for at least one hour. **We need 6 parent judges!** Can you help? Please come by the office to sign up! Thanks!

Parent Readers Needed! Can you spare 1 hour a month to read to a classroom of children? We would appreciate your help in launching our Cornerstone Reader's Project! Please leave a note with your name on it for Jen Sorenson in the office mailboxes near the adult restroom! She'll help you get started! This project is offered in Spanish and English. We'd also love to get a Vietnamese component going. Please contact the office for more information!

Blackford School is Hiring!

We are hiring new **yard duty** personnel. Please come to our office to pick up an application. Interviews will take place in two weeks. We will also be hiring two **educational associates**. If you are interested in working with students, here's your chance!

Have you seen our new website? For all of the latest information, please go to www.campbellusd.org/Blackford.

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